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SUBJECT : VISIT OF IMF DIRECTOR TO QATAR

1. JOHANNES WITVEEN, IMF DIRECTOR, VISITED DOHA FEB 9-11 IN COURSE OF GULF STATES TOUR. HE CALLED ON THE AMIR AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM AND OTHER SENIOR GOQ OFFICIALS IN FINANCE FIELD.

2. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, WITVEEN WAS VAGUE IN DESCRIBING PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION IN AREA. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE, HE WAS SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM OIL PRODUCERS FOR MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED STATES.

3. DURING FEB 11 CONVERSATION WE ASKED GOQ MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, ABOUT WITVEEN VISIT. ABDUL AZIZ CONFIRMED THAT IMF DIRECTOR SEEKING INCREASED ASSISTANCE FROM OIL PRODUCERS FOR MSAS. ABDUL AZIZ SAID GOQ WAS "FAVORABLY DISPOSED" TO IMF APPEAL. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, HE SAID WITVEEN HAD NOT RPT NOT ASKED FOR SPECIFIC SUM NOR HAD GOQ COMMITTED ITSELF DEFINITELY TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION.
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